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January 27, 2003

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT 7099 3400 0016 8896 2802

Mr. Jack Savage Oil Tech, Inc. 5615 North 6300 West Morgan, Utah 84050

Re:

Need for Signature on Notice of Intention; Oil Tech, Inc.; Rawhide Project (Oil Shale Research Site); S/047/076; Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Savage:

On October 24, 2002, we received your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (NOI) for the referenced project. On November 22, 2002, we returned it to you because we needed verification that Oil Tech is registered to do business in Utah and that the NOI had been signed by a company officer. We have not received the NOI in return, and are again requesting that you provide the needed information and signature. Every other aspect of the NOI is complete: you have paid the required permit fee, it contains all needed information and maps, and you have right of entry from SITLA.

Although a signature like this may seem like a trivial item, please understand that it can be very important. In the past, we have sometimes accepted the signature of an employee who was not a company officer. When the company goes out of business and abandons the mine site, the employee who signed says, "I was just an employee. I'm not responsible." We then have an abandoned site with potential public and environmental hazards but with no one accepting responsibility.

Although we previously returned the original of your NOI, I am enclosing a copy that you could sign. Please provide the required information as soon as possible or at least by March 1, 2003. If you cannot meet this deadline, please let me know. If we do not hear from you by then, it may be necessary to issue a notice of noncompliance. Please call me at 801-538-5261 if you have any questions about this letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Senior Reclamation Biologist

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Enclosure: Rawhide – Oil Shale Research Site SMO
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